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## Media Advisory

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### **CELEBRATING AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

#### **AT THE GATEWAY ARCH AND HISTORIC OLD COURTHOUSE**

**WHERE:** Historic Old Courthouse and Museum of Westward Expansion at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, 11 North Fourth Street and Gateway Arch along St. Louis Riverfront, downtown St. Louis, Missouri.

**WHEN:** Through the month of February 2008-March 1, 2008

**WHAT:** “**The Adventures of Jim Beckwourth: African American Frontiersman**” presented by Gregory Carr. Explore the colorful life of the famous mountain man and buffalo hunter as he blazes new trails and later becomes an Indian Chief.

Friday, **February 1<sup>st</sup>** - 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 10:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Programs will be at the Museum of Westward Expansion beneath the Gateway Arch.

**Elizabeth Keckley** portrayed by master storyteller and educator Carole Shelton. Share the story of this enslaved St. Louisan and talented seamstress who purchased her own freedom and her son's and later became Mary Todd Lincoln's trusted friend and dressmaker.

Friday, **February 8<sup>th</sup>** - 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, **February 9<sup>th</sup>** - 10:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Programs will be at the Historic Old Courthouse in the rotunda.

**Company A – 10<sup>th</sup> Memorial Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers** presented by volunteer historic re-enactors from Fort Concho Historic Site and Museum in San Angelo, Texas. Students and visitors will learn the vital role the Buffalo Soldiers played in our history.

Thursday & Friday, **February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** - 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, **February 16<sup>th</sup>** - 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Programs will be at the Museum of Westward Expansion beneath the Gateway Arch.

“**Where Would We Be Without Thee**” presented by local storyteller Loretta Washington. Several slave women, including Sojourner Truth, Harriet Scott, Harriet Tubman and others, are depicted in this presentation focusing on the hardships, struggles and challenges they encountered in their everyday lives and how they worked to overcome them.

Friday, **February 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 10:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Programs will be at the Historic Old Courthouse in the rotunda.

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